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Graduates celebrate at "take two" of GW's Commencement on May 28, two weeks after the original event was washed out by a thunderstorm. About 550 graduates attended the event.

550 graduates attend GW's second try at Commencement

BY KYNAN KELLY
MANAGING EDITOR

They have completed their course work and are faced with paying back student loans, but only about 50 of last month's 3,000 graduates participated in a related commencement ceremony May 28.

Held in the dry confines of the 5,000-seat Smith Center, the graduates had plenty of elbow room, since only about 2,000 friends and family showed up — much fewer than the more than 17,000 who were forced to congregate in the Marvin Center May 14 when the university canceled commencement ceremonies on the Ellipse because of rain and lightning.

Keynote speaker Abba Eban, former foreign minister of Israel and a professor at GW, made light of the cancellation and the University's efforts to make up for it with belated ceremonies. He cited the first verse

of Hebrew literature: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

"Well, unlike the creation of the heavens and the earth, the 1995 Commencement exercises at George Washington University will have had two beginnings," he added. "And here we are, assembled today, some of us for the second time, because an event which had one percent of probability actually occurred. This should teach us not to believe in predictability."

Eban stressed that it is important not to rely too much on experts, as evidenced by the so-called "expert" naysayers who said that neither America nor Israel could survive or progress at the time of their establishment.

In this post-Cold War era when old borders between states and people are being broken down and new ones erected, Eban also said that the graduates

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GW admits smaller freshman class

Incoming group boasts higher SAT scores, will put less strain on services

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

After two years of record-breaking numbers, GW will welcome a smaller class of incoming freshmen this fall in what Office of Enrollment Management Executive Director Fred Siegel called "a great situation."

In addition, the Class of 1999 boasts SAT scores that are an average of 15 points higher than those of the previous group of freshmen, which Siegel credits to a

better emphasis on aggressive student recruiting in the last several years.

"We couldn't be in a more perfect position ... We accomplished more than we thought possible," Siegel said.

He said the most important issue for Enrollment Management this year was to ensure a smaller class than those in the past two years, when an influx of more than 1,500 freshmen put a strain on GW's housing system and other student services.

The University has received 1,456 deposits and 11 withdrawals for a total of 1,445 students entering this fall.

"We usually lose about 100 students over the summer" to withdrawals, Siegel explained. Last year at this time, the school had 1,674 deposits and 21 withdrawals, for a total of 1,653. This number was eventually shaved down to last year's incoming total of 1,570.

Siegel said that GW's original

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Transfer applicant sues GW for racism

Foreign student alleges misconduct

BY JARED SHER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A Kuwaiti student who applied to transfer to GW has filed a \$3 million lawsuit against the University, a GW employee and a former employee, alleging that he was discriminated against because of his race.

The lawsuit, filed in D.C. Superior Court April 6, claims the student from Northern Virginia Community College was asked to bribe E. Donald Driver, the former director of the International Student Services Office at GW. It also alleges that Kathy Onion, an officer in the Undergraduate Admissions Office, failed to respond to the allegations.

GW has filed a motion to dismiss some of the counts of the complaint, University lawyers said.

Driver was fired by the University last year following an internal investigation, according to a GW statement. "To the extent that this action is the result of the alleged activities of a particular former employee, the University can state that (Driver) was terminated last year," a University statement said.

In the suit, Hamad Alqahtani said he applied for admission to GW in the fall of 1994 and was told to speak with Driver, who was director of the International Student Services Office at the time.

Alqahtani alleges that in two meetings in late August, Driver demanded either a \$10,000 bribe or a commitment to engage in a homosexual act with a "male representative" of the GW admissions office, according to the suit. Driver told Alqahtani he would not be admitted unless he complied, the suit said.

Alqahtani said he responded with shock to the suggestion, but "Driver remarked that 'all Arabs are rich and homosexual' and assumed that, because of his race, Mr. Alqahtani would agree to Driver's prerequisites," according to the suit.

In addition, the suit said Alqahtani met with Driver a second time "in an effort to expose Driver's racist conduct." Driver asked Alqahtani to drive him around the District so they could speak in private, the suit alleges.

The suit claims Alqahtani recorded the conversation during the trip, which included Driver's purchase of illegal drugs near the GW campus. During this meeting, Driver also told Alqahtani he could gain admission if he "changed his name and social security number to fraudulently obtain" immigration certification, according to the suit.

Alqahtani said he scheduled a meeting in late September with Onion in order to discuss the matter. The suit alleges that Onion "was unresponsive and outwardly appeared wholly unconcerned with Driver's outrageous actions." The suit said Onion responded to Alqahtani's story by saying, "So what?"

As a result, the suit said "Driver, through his racial slurs and illegal extortionate propositions, intentionally and purposefully subjected Mr. Alqahtani to unlawful discrimination based upon Mr. Alqahtani's race."

Furthermore, Onion was also at fault for her "willful failure to address Mr. Alqahtani's complaint and humiliating treatment of him during their conference," the suit said.

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Two students plead guilty to making, selling fake IDs

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Two GW students arrested March 30 on charges of manufacturing and selling fake driver's licenses pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court Thursday.

The Washington Post also reported that Ronald Johnson, 20, one of the men charged, was expelled by the University, and that GW officials will decide next week whether to expel Said Kiwan, 19, the other man involved.

Johnson, who prosecutors described as the mastermind of the operation, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful production of false

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Talkin' loud and sayin' nothing

Camp D.C., or, Menthos make Montanan miss mommy

Three years ago, my parents made the choice to back me on my decision to attend a college 2,000 miles away from home. I don't think I will be capable of fully realizing the financial and emotional sacrifices they have made for me until I have children of my own. I know that I am a better person for my experiences in Washington and that I never could have experienced them without their support.

I really mean that.

That said, I'd like to come

home now.

It's not that I'm unhappy here. It's just that I'm starting to realize that this summer in Washington thing is not summer camp. I envisioned myself as one of The Monkees doing cartwheels and having potato sack races on the Mall and traipsing around our lovely nation's capital eating ice cream cones and generally being the happiest damn guy in the world. I thought my summer would be like a Menthos commercial.

(Have you seen the Menthos commercial with that kid who goes shopping with his mom? Mom is dragging her kid around when he notices his hipster friends with their tight denim jackets and enormous feathered haircuts and just has to be with them. So Junior takes a shot of courage by popping a couple of those magic Menthos and ditches his mom by acting like a mannequin. So the kid gets to be with his hipster friends and Mom doesn't mind, apparently because

she also has some of those Halcyon-infused Menthos. And everyone is so happy ...)

Just now I woke from a really great dream about a seductive little mint to find that certain novelties of Life On My Own have worn off. Take my apartment. I used to bask daily in the knowledge that yes, I'm a big boy now, which means I get to remove hair clogs from the shower. I was a member of the legions of those who have reveled in the joys of the Off-Campus Afterglow: finding furniture on the street which kept the rear end of the person sitting in it no more than four inches off the ground, then repeatedly asking, "Isn't it great?" The total enamoration with the dinette set, which invariably consists of 14 milk crates and one of those enormous, mutant-sized spoons. The pride taken in the unceasing collection of free plastic cups and stolen ashtrays. I used to clip recipes from the "Food" section of the Post. I once actually had an animated conversation about vacuum cleaners.

Now I realize that I haven't the slightest idea what arugula is, making any attempts to cook and eat it futile. Instead, I put Tabasco on everything. I no longer dust - I wipe the TV screen every couple of months with my hand. I'm noticing that I have clothes with anywhere from one to four buttons missing. You know the old image of gang members wearing their shirts with

just the top button buttoned. That's what I look like, except not nearly as intimidating in a Gap Oxford. I lose arguments myself over whether or not to shower, which, I have discovered in the rising heat, has me occasionally smelling like a weevil platter of cheese.

I want to be in a city in Washington and not have to deal with humidity that slaps me in the face like a dirty mop each time I step outside. I want my summer off. I want to sleep in my old room and have a homemade dinner every night. I want to have Menthos and eat them, too.

It's my first summer away from home and I really am enjoying myself. But right now, in the mountain rivers of Montana, trout are gorging themselves on the spring insect hatches and the sun is warming the valley. Mountain ranges like the Beartooths and the Crazyes. Now, there is nothing better in the world than standing in the wake of the Boulder River and letting your breath as a submarine strikes at a lure.

Soon I'll remember that I don't fish as much as I mean to when I'm home, that for some reason I don't do enjoy canned chili with Tabasco that the closest thing to falafel Montana is a tater tot.

But for now, I'd love a big steak.

-David La...

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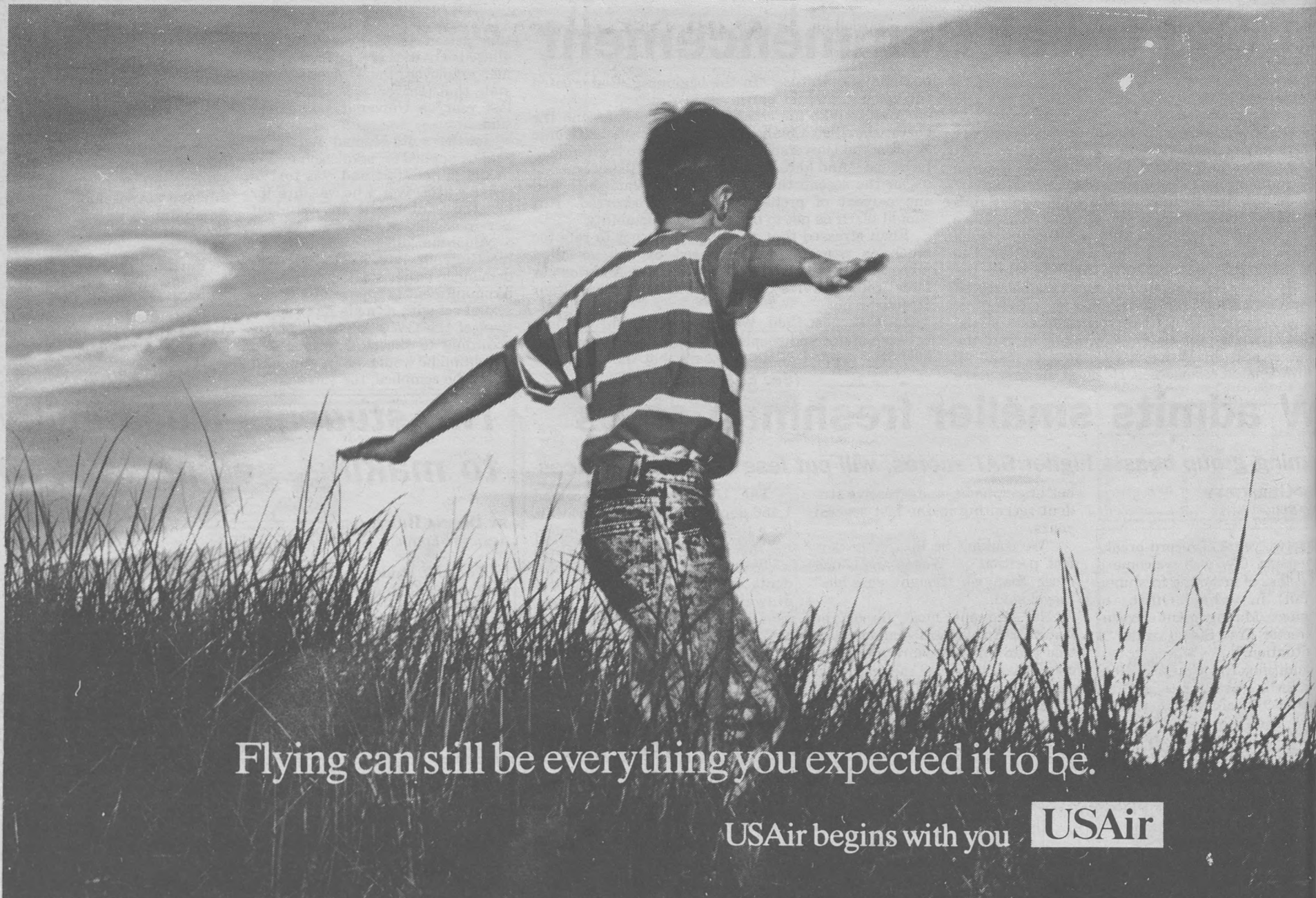
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Student robbed at knifepoint, UPD says

A GW student was robbed at knifepoint near Everglades Hall early Wednesday morning, University Police said.

A man approached the student on H Street between Everglades Hall and the University Parking Garage about 12:48 a.m. Wednesday, according to a UPD statement.

The man put his arm around the student and displayed a 5-inch knife, the release said. The man then took the student to the sports court behind Everglades

Hall and asked him for money.

The student had only loose change, which he gave to the man, the release said. The man then fled south on 23rd Street.

The suspect was described as a 5-8, 150-pound black man with a medium build and a beard. He was wearing blue shorts and a white shirt.

UPD and the Metropolitan Police Department are investigating the robbery, the release said.

-Donna Brutkoski

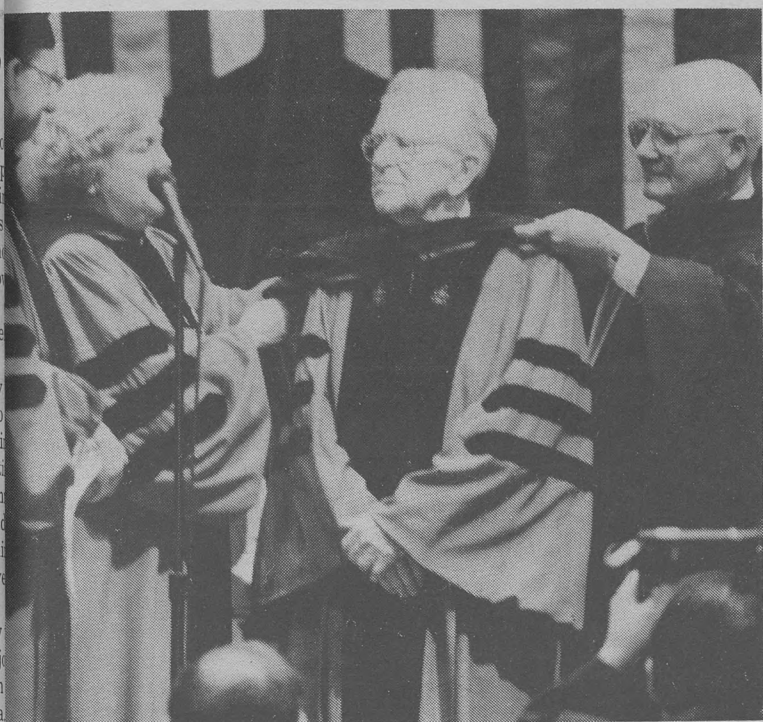


photo by Dave Flintzen

former Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun receives his honorary doctoral hood at Commencement ceremonies for the National Law Center May 28.

Law, med schools send off graduates

DONNA BRUTKOSKI

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Graduates of the National Law Center and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences did not have to worry about the weather affecting their commencement ceremonies, since both took place indoors.

SMHS graduates said farewell to GW on May 26 in Lisner Auditorium. NLC grads tossed their mortarboards in the Smith Center on the afternoon of May 28.

Both had the benefit of wisdom from keynote speakers who are leaders in their respective fields. NLC graduates heard from former Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, and SMHS graduates listened to Association of American Medical Colleges President Jordan Cohen.

Blackmun, author of the Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion, served on the Supreme Court for 24 years, from 1970 to 1994.

In his address to the graduates, Blackmun pointed the new lawyers toward their future, encouraging

them to prepare for the legal challenges and concerns which may affect the Constitution and other U.S. laws in the coming years.

Blackmun also jokingly read several hate letters which he had received over the years he served on the Supreme Court, when he supported some controversial decisions like Roe v. Wade.

Blackmun was also awarded an honorary degree at the ceremony.

Cohen has served as AAMC president for one year. Before that he was dean of the medical school at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and has also served on the faculties of Harvard, Brown and Tufts universities.

Cohen encouraged the graduates to be "more than doctors of medicine - to be doctors provocateurs, as well." He encouraged the graduates to fight for funding for medical programs, especially for the poor.

Cohen also offered support for Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster, saying Foster's case for confirmation was "compelling."

Cohen was awarded an honorary doctorate at the ceremony.

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New World disorder

The recent escalation of the fighting in the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia could be dismissed as a civil war in which the United States has no business intervening. It could be seen as a hopeless quagmire, a death trap for American troops sent in by a government with no objective other than that of global cop. It may be called another Grenada, or worse, another Vietnam.

But as frightening as the potential for American bloodshed may be, more frightening is the prospect of a precedent of New World diplomacy, Serbian style, being set. With the collapse of the Soviet bloc, an enormous power vacuum has opened. Leaders such as Bosnian Serb Radovan Karadzic have taken advantage, showing an ability to fly brazenly in the face of the United Nations and effectively get away with it. Worse yet, the holocaust in Bosnia could be the shape of things to come, with Chechnya and other Russian regions not far behind. If the United Nations continues to be ignored, its stance as the international governing body could be jeopardized. Britain and France seem to realize this, as they have already committed troops to the effort. Yet the U.S. has committed troops only in the event of an emergency U.N. withdrawal.

While the U.S. has committed air support, intelligence and equipment to the efforts, it is beginning to look increasingly meager compared with the actions of close allies Britain and France and with the ever-growing brashness of the Serbs. The time for cautious diplomacy has passed. It is now time to make a stand.

Last week's taking of nearly 400 hostages by Bosnian Serb forces is an act of open defiance that must be dealt with most seriously by the United States. This does not mean lip-service encouragement to the British and French troops already committed to intervening. This means the commitment of American ground troops to the so-far unsuccessful peacekeeping effort. It is an action far more important than that of global cop. It is one that could define the role that the United States will take in 20th century foreign policy.

Kudos

For the past two years, the Office of Admissions has been roundly criticized for its high admissions rate, which has led to enormous freshman classes and coinciding enrollment difficulties and housing shortages. This year, however, the office has finally managed to get things right, maintaining the trend of an increasingly bright freshman class while providing a welcome decrease in its size.

The 75 percent increase in applications received over the past four years seemed to have caught the administration off guard. While promoting itself as a university moving into the ranks of America's elite, it continued to accept applicants at a far less stingy rate. As GW has become increasingly more desirable, more applicants have made it their choice. Previously, this led to a befuddled administration, residence halls filled beyond capacity and a freshman class completely frustrated by the prospects of registering for required classes.

Not this year, though. The University expects a freshman class of about 1,350, down more than 200 students from last year's entry. This comes in a year in which GW received a record number of applications. The resulting lower acceptance rate has produced a leaner, meaner crop of freshmen. Housing is available. Classes are more easily scheduled. The University's reputation continues to improve. See what additional planning can do?

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'Ungraduated graduate' sees the humor in Commencement '95

From an ungraduated graduate ... I'll admit that I am very proud to actually call myself an alumnus of The George Washington University. During the past four years, I have seen many an occasion when the image of the school had been tarnished due to some ill-conceived planning.

For example, actually considering charging students admission for attending home games at the Smith Center. At the time, this plan was scoffed at and deemed ludicrous, but in the end someone with some common sense decided that it was a bad idea.

A few years ago, the decision was made to hold a joint Commencement ceremony on the Ellipse for all the graduates, rather than the separate ceremonies which took place by school. To me it sounded like a good idea. But with every new idea, one must consider the alternatives. Commencement 1995 was a disaster brought upon the graduates and their families by an administration which failed to adequately consider the alternatives.

The University position is to hold the ceremony on the Ellipse in either "rain or shine." My feeling is that there is someone in the Office of Special Events who thinks that Washington, D.C., only gets little sprinklings of rain that can be easily ignored and not potential thunderstorms as did happen on the morning of May 14.

I find it unfathomable to believe that no one in the administration even considered the possibility of the need to cancel the ceremony on the Ellipse due to VERY BAD weather. Doesn't this just seem like common sense? If someone had

even had the slightest notion of thunder and lightning (which normally accompanies rain, doesn't it?), would it not have made sense to keep at the ready position all the large venue locations of the University to hold indoor ceremonies in the event of (heaven forbid!) thunder and lightning?

I find it comical to believe that Walter Bortz, GW's vice-president for administrative and information services and Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, GW's president, never

even considered the thought of severe weather hampering the ceremony. It comes with the territory! If you're going to hold an outdoor event, expect Mother Nature to be perhaps not so cooperative! It is arrogant to make such a declarative and thoughtless statement as "rain or shine" and not consider the potential of the unknown. I would suspect that the University would rebut that such considerations were not made, but the point is that this was not made known to the graduates and families waiting in the "illustrious" J Street for word on a contingency plan.

Ahh, J Street. Another debacle. I take no pride in saying that I "graduated" in the Colonial Grill next to the Pepsi machine. Enough said on that.

My mother and grandmother came up from Miami to see me graduate. Refusing to stay in the Marvin Center, we went to eat breakfast instead. I then had to explain why there appeared to be a lack of any plans for bad weather. In the best face possible, I made it sound as if this sort of thing was typical of running such a large and

complex institution as GW. In any case, I was thinking that someone had screwed up, should admit it, screwed up AND make it up to graduates in a thoughtful manner (such as refunding \$50 and a public apology!).

As I write this letter, I hear that GW has scheduled an alternate ceremony for the graduates some time in the near future. My mother and grandmother were unable to attend, let alone spend more money just to attend here. I'm working at my new job which I just can't drop to attend a ceremony which is an attempt by the administration to alienate itself of an already-committed wrong against the Class of 1995.

Basically, what I feel is that it's too late to try to apologize where an apology should have been made Sunday, May 14, 1995. Also, I feel that I'll be lucky enough to receive a videotape of the guest speaker all 4 of 5 of them who showed up the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theater. No thanks. Why accept something whose cost will probably just be passed on to next year's class? I have a lot of friends in the Class of 1996.

I end this letter the same way it began. I will be proud to say that I went to The George Washington University. I'll just have to play out the part about Commencement. Or, if I just want to tell a funny story about ineptitude, best, I'll mention it.

—Giovanni Gutierrez graduated with a Bachelor of Political Science

(Editor's note: Refunds of the graduation fee were sent out to 18.)



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The GW Hatchet. What George Washington Reads.

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rain or Shine?

Page 15 of "A Guide to Commencement" reads as follows: INCLEMENT WEATHER: The commencement ceremony will be rain or shine on the Ellipse. In case of threatening or rainy weather, graduates and guests are encouraged to bring umbrellas, gear and a sense of humor! In event of severe weather, the commencement ceremony will be abbreviated. For clarification regarding the status of Commencement in the event of inclement weather on Sunday, May 14, please call (202) 994-4949 or (202) 994-0000.

Now, I think the administration "lightly" contradicted most of these statements. Perhaps page 15 of this guide should have read as follows:

INCLEMENT WEATHER: The commencement ceremony may be rain or shine on the Ellipse. The University has the right to cancel the Commencement anytime it wishes to and if you travel thousands of miles to attend the event, TOUGH. In the case of threatening or rainy weather, graduates and guests are encouraged to make backup plans, such as not coming or making reservations for a matinee at the Kennedy Center! The graduates and guests are discouraged from buying street vendor T-shirts which read "GWU KSL" or from pressing "6" at the other Hall elevators. In the event of severe weather, the Commencement ceremony will be abbreviated to ZERO seconds. For clarification regarding the status of Commencement in the event of inclement weather on Sunday May 14, please call (202) 994-4949 or (202) 994-0000 or watch the evening news for the commencement ceremonies of other, more organized universities are shown.

Dr. Can E. Korman,
Assistant Professor
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Applied Science

Thanks, SBPM

Dean Lois Graff:

An open thank-you to the School of Business and Public Management for its Alternate Commencement: Greetings. On behalf of my mother and aunt, thank you for organizing the impromptu graduation

May 15. It was a splendid event given the rain fiasco. My mom came all the way from Malaysia and at least she had the chance to see me graduate in some sort. Anyway, thank you again to the SBPM faculty who organized an alternate ceremony after the Commencement on the Ellipse was canceled. In my eyes, the moment was saved by SBPM. You saved the day!

-Azmir Ismail

Parent to parent

Dear Mr. Trachtenberg:

I write to you not as a president but as a parent. I write to you not in anger, but with numbing feelings of a moment that was robbed, never to be regained. I write to you with film in a camera and pictures never taken. I write to you to explain the anticipation of feeling proud of one of life's crowning points, never to be felt. I write to ask for your wisdom in answering a child's heavy heart, because as you must know, no matter their age or stage in life, they will always be your child.

I want to know how to alleviate my daughter's hurt and sorrow. I want to know what to say to her grandparents, who traveled far to witness their last grandchild graduate. Tell me how to remedy the unhappiness both my daughter and I feel. And what about her brothers who came to see and commend her latest accomplishment in the ladder of life.

We were eager to participate in this special occasion, no matter what the weather or time of day, however, we had no choice in determining my daughter's fate. How do I fill the gaping hole left by this lack of closure, the hard work and devotion, and most of all, the sadness I see in her eyes and hear in her voice? Nothing you can do will undo what has already been done. Sadly, all the powers that be cannot regain the celebration of her achievement and the pleasure and splendor of the time that will never be.

So now you say it will never happen again. So now you realize the fallout of your lack of sensitivity and understanding. I ask you if a college known for its intellectual learning and articulate spokesmen ever heard of common sense. Do you now realize that compassion must never be taken out of any equation?

For being totally inept and completely lacking of respect for the graduating class of '95, shame on you. If I ever regard GW in glowing terms again, shame on me.

Finally, don't ever apologize ... it will never ease my daughter's pain.

-Bobbi Stone

Educate yourself

In the course of Erik Schelzig's light-hearted column about the temperature in Corcoran Hall last summer and its relation to the apocryphal stories about how Galileo and Newton spent their summer vacations ("Real summer school: forget science, let's throw things!," The GW Hatchet, May 15, p. 5), he raises a serious question: "why ... take physics in the first place?"

Here is my reply. You take physics, Erik, to become an educated person, for the same reasons that you take courses in literature or philosophy or economics.

Physics is the most fundamental of the sciences. Through physics we try to understand the way the Universe works. We try to formulate, quantitatively, the basic laws of nature, whether or not they are violated and if so, how. Moreover, the applications of physics have transformed the world.

Try to imagine a world without electronics, television, air travel, modern weapons and modern medical technology and you will quickly realize that your practical understanding of the real world in which you live depends critically on your understanding of the basic concepts and quantitative reasoning of physics.

Just as you need to know the lessons that history teaches us, the moral truths that you read in Shakespeare and Dostoyevsky, the beauty of the paintings of Monet, the symphonies of Beethoven and the structure of mathematics; just as you need to know the workings of the earth, how atoms form molecules and how molecules can form living cells; and just as you need to know the pitfalls of fuzzy thinking in all fields, you need to know the basic ground rules that make all of these possible. You need to know them for your own education and for that of your children.

-Professor B.L. Berman
Chair, Physics Department

Canceled Commencement will have long-term effects

In response to The Washington Post's article "Rain Wipes Out GWU Graduation," (May 15, p. 1A) I feel that administrators at the University made a decision which will affect the University in both the short and long run.

This would have been the fourth year that the ceremony was held on the Ellipse. Unfortunately, this was the first year that there were no backup plans laid out. The ceremony was supposed to be held rain or shine. Once the "life threatening" weather occurred, GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg decided that "there is frankly no room

in this city to accommodate such a large number of people." His memory must be short because in past years the University held separate graduations for each school.

The University should have developed a backup plan in case of inclement weather (rain and/or lightning). Everyone in Washington knows that in the late spring this type of weather is common. The weather forecasters had predicted rain for Sunday as early as the previous Monday. The University had a week to make tentative plans. A university official said "there was only a 1% chance of thunder and lightning."

When graduates and their families arrived at the Ellipse they were instructed that graduation was canceled and to go home. Many graduates decided to go to the Marvin Center to meet up with family and friends and to hopefully hear what was going on. Instead, there was just total confusion there. On top of all this GW decided to make some extra money at these people's expenses. Instead of giving out free coffee and danish

to the graduates and their families who traveled from all across the world to see them graduate, they were selling these items.

GW needs something to save its tainted image. It fails to understand that its decision to cancel graduation will have short and long-term repercussions. A University official said "it was just a ceremony that was canceled, it was not like we are taking away your diplomas." This just sums up the attitude of school officials. If any of the prospective graduates? - and I mean graduates with a question mark because we technically didn't graduate - have any younger siblings, I highly doubt they will be attending this fine institution.

From my graduating class in the years to come there will be many successful doctors, lawyers, accountants and so forth. At a real university these people would have made large financial contributions. I can only speak for myself, but I'm sure I'm speaking for a great majority of my fellow graduating class when I say that I will have second thoughts contributing money to The George Washington University. The graduation ceremony is the culmination of four years of university and twelve years of secondary learning.

In time the administrators will realize that this was not just a canceled ceremony. The last laugh will be at GW's expense. This past Sunday just typifies my four years at The George Washington University.

Jay Gordon graduated with a Bachelor of Accountancy

LACK OF FOCUS



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HFS-tival rocks sold-out RFK with some surprise

Tony Bennett, Hole's Courtney Love join fray Saturday in concert headlined by Soul Asylum

BY KYNAN KELLY
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A portion of this year's HFS-tival \$17 ticket price went to My Sister's Place, a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Appropriately, three of the music world's most out-spoken women and strongest performers highlighted the day-long rock extravaganza Saturday at sold-out RFK Stadium.

While Juliana Hatfield and PJ Harvey were scheduled to play and delivered impressive sets, it was Courtney Love who caused the biggest stir in the stadium when she made a surprise appearance before Primus came on. The aggressive and opinionated leader of Hole and the widow of Kurt Cobain snapped the crowd of more than 50,000 to attention after it had been lulled by the happy tunes of ska-dance band General Public.

She strode on stage alone and addressed the sun-drenched crowd before playing two solo songs, including "Doll Parts" off her band's latest album *Live Through This* (Geffen). "Fuck you!" she screamed. "I hate summer, put a goddamned sweater on!"

After her songs, she launched into the pit in front of the stage, where a fan pulled her yellow sundress up and ripped at the top straps. When security pulled her from the crowd, she addressed the offender with acidic sarcasm and tried to get him on stage to hit him before she stalked off: "Don't try that shit, you sick fucking dickhead! Oh yeah, Kurt really appreciates that. Get up here!"

Primus obviously didn't mind getting up-staged, and fulfilled the

crowd's hunger for its most popular songs. However, their sound didn't translate well live in the stadium, and they left just before the rains came.

After the rains, the crowd welcomed PJ Harvey's hyper-intelligent, experimental music and the return of the sun. Then Soul Asylum put on the best show of the night as its rock ballads filled the arena like other bands could only dream about. Churning through well-known songs like "Black Gold" and "I Need Somebody to Shove," as well as songs off their new album *Let Your Dim Light Shine* (Columbia), Soul Asylum sounded crisp and ready to expand upon the multi-platinum success of 1993's *Grave Dancers Union*. At one point, during "Misery Loves Company" off the new album, Dave Pirner even busted out a trumpet and lit up the night with the bridge from Wings' "Just Another Silly Love Song."

Not to be outdone for novelty, WHFS brought on Tony Bennett for a few songs before the Ramones ended the night with a non-stop barrage of two-minute sing-along explosions. With the release of their 20th album, *Adios Amigos*, the Ramones are rumored to be ending their 20-year reign of punk rock. They will be sorely missed by the Saturday crowd, most of which seemed to know their simple songs by heart. Unfortunately, they didn't play "Beat on the Brat."

Of course, because it was a WHFS show, Bush had to show up and dispense its weak drudgery. The crap Bush produces sounds like Pearl Jam or Stone Temple Pilots, but it's actually giving it too much credit even to make that compari-

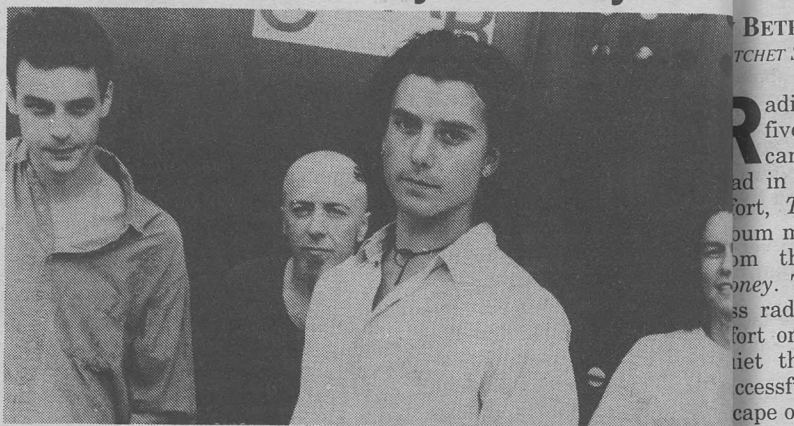
son. Breakthrough artist of the year? I don't think so. If you listened closely to its set at the festival, you could actually hear a clock ticking down the band's 15 minutes of fame. If it wasn't for WHFS, Bush would be the worst band no one has ever heard of.

Fortunately, the side stage offered some truly refreshing and alternative music to divert the people while Bush carried on its labor of incompetence inside. In particular, North Carolina's Archers of Loaf and D.C.'s own Tripping Daisy drew a large horde of enthusiastic fans. Daisy definitely has a rousing second album in *I am an ELASTIC FIRECRACKER*, and quirky yet powerful punk songs like "My Umbrella" and "I Got a Girl" demonstrate their fun-lovin' attitude.

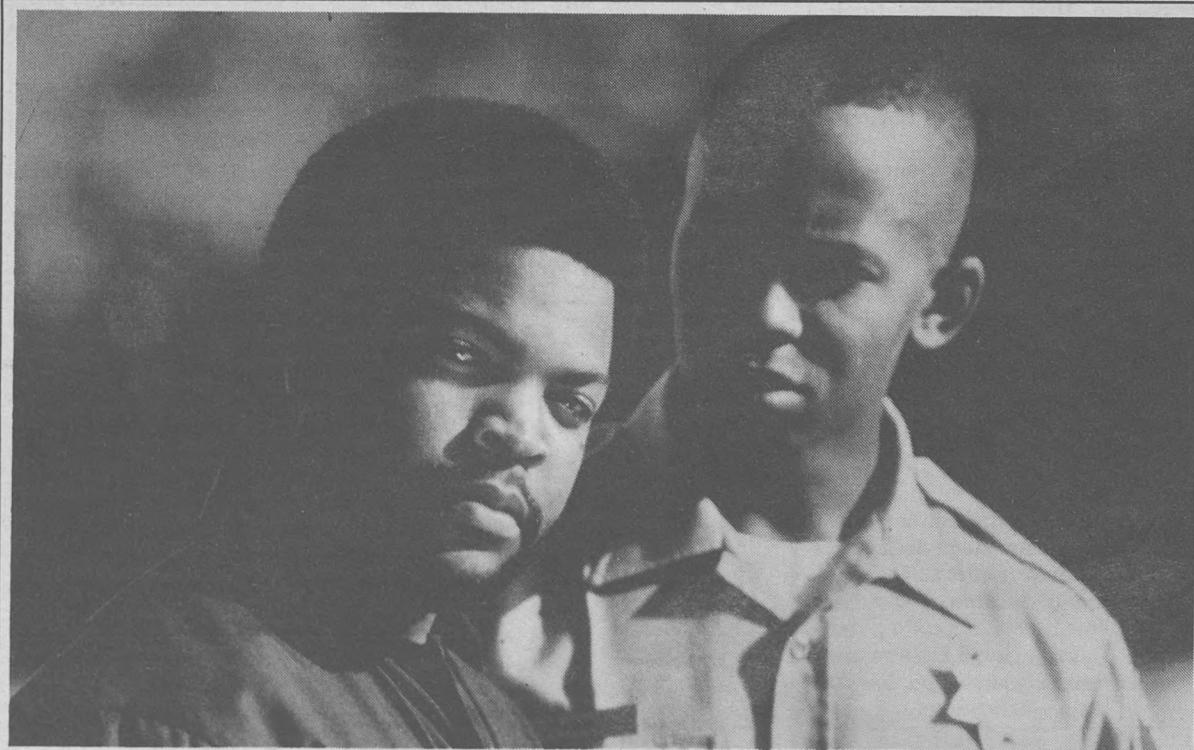
Unfortunately, the speakers couldn't match Archers of Loaf's energy, and it was forced to cut short its set after just six songs.

Inside the stadium, the only thing alternative was the weather, which featured alternately brilliant, sunny skies and threatening rain clouds. After Primus' set, the clouds finally broke and caused a 40-minute rain delay, during which the audience occupied itself by forming a gigantic congo line, doing the wave and getting filthy on a natural slip and slide on the field of RFK.

Some jokers behind the scenes flashed helpful informative tidbits on the scoreboard, such as "Remember: it's not rain, it's the people who didn't get tickets pissing on you," "During this brief break, please enjoy highlights of the 1994 World Series" and "Quick, how do we close the sun roof!"



Bush needed to be trimmed, Juliana Hatfield rocked and Mike went pretty much unnoticed at the radio station-sponsored jam



Even Ice Cube and Michael Boatman's fine efforts can't make up for a misguided storyline

Cop film won't arrest audience

BY DAVID LARIMER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Watching Charles Burnett's *The Glass Shield* (Miramax) is sort of like eating a big leafy green salad: it seems okay at the time, and you

know it's good for you, but once you're done you feel the need for something more satisfying.

The police drama is one of those films that is ready-made for the phrase "ripped from today's headlines" to promote it. And it is: Michael Boatman stars as J.J.

Johnson, a starry-eyed police academy graduate who has become the first black officer in his Los Angeles sheriff's precinct. Once there, he struggles to fit in against a backdrop of his colleagues' brutality against blacks. His childhood image of police as

good guys who save people is quickly erased.

Writer/director Burnett is a master of small conflicts and overlooked tensions. As in his vastly under-appreciated 1990 drama, *To Sleep With Anger*, Burnett is most effective when exposing those details, conflicts and atrocities that often go unnoticed — the sneers flashed at Johnson by his racist colleagues and the eager smile that slowly fades from Johnson's boyish face. *The Glass Shield* reaches the height of its frightening effectiveness when it details the seemingly everyday routine of violence and corruption that the officers practice.

Johnson is drawn into the routine after his partner, Deputy Bono (Don Harvey), stops young black male Teddy Woods (Ice Cube) for seemingly no apparent reason. Soon after, Woods is connected to a homicide, and Johnson is expected to back up Bono's arrest, despite the objections of Johnson's family and his lone friend in the department, the similarly harassed female Deputy Deborah Fields (Lori Petty).

Burnett is a skilled film maker, shrugging off cop movie conventions with subtle and surprising touches. Light imagery is prominent, as the police department is constantly shrouded in deep, morose blues and unsettling shadows. Other scenes are bathed in light — the fair-minded judges and few honest police officers seem to

carry an otherworldly glow times.

Furthermore, *The Glass Shield* could be the first police movie to emerge free of bloody shoot-toilet-mouthed characters or nary a curse word. There is nary a curse word the entire film and Burnett's clever camera angles to shooting victims without looking over the gore. The aim is to create a revisionist police movie, ignoring what is usually glamorized sensationalized and instead concentrating on what is overlooked.

But in the end, what is highlighted fails to carry the pace that the rest of the movie deserves. As *The Glass Shield* progresses, its scope broadens the form of a dull paper chase after the crooked officers. Burnett gets caught up in answering how a good cop can do right in a world gone wrong. Boatman does a terrific job of conveying his character's moral conflict and Ice Cube uses his trademark scowl and weight to his scenes, but both performances are overwhelming. Burnett's desire to create something bigger but not necessarily better.

Lost along the way as well as Burnett's well-constructed and creative direction. It is here that Burnett decided mid-film that *Glass Shield* is meant to be even for you, like salad, rather than just good. The result is something that falls short of both.

impressions

Radiohead's "Creep"y image endures

Radiohead tours touting second album under shadow of first

BETH BUHOT

HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Radiohead, the latest British fivesome to storm the American airwaves, has hit the road in support of its sophomore effort, *The Bends* (Capitol). The album marks a striking departure from the band's debut, *Pablo Honey*. The sound is heavier and less radio friendly — a deliberate effort on the part of the band to quiet the hype surrounding the successful "Creep" single and to escape one-hit wonderland.

At the Black Cat on June 2, frontmen David Gray, a spirited trio, amused the audience with its unique blend of British pop and American folk. However, it was not

until Radiohead appeared that the eager audience, ranging in age from pint size pre-teens to their graying parents, took to their feet and began bopping about.

"Just (You Do It To Yourself)," a track off *The Bends*, was an early highlight. It is not often that a band can incorporate everything from spiraling anthem rock riffs to funky chords to insurmountable walls of feedback into a single song. Yet Radiohead managed to do so with considerable style and grace.

The transitions on the next tune, "Anyone Can Play Guitar," were not as successful. The song seemed choppy and disjointed, even cacophonous at times. However, the downslide was only temporary.

The band followed through with a heavy dose of new material including "Fake Plastic Trees," an alumnus of the MTV Buzz Clip bin, "My Iron Lung" and the title track, "The Bends."

Even in light of these valiant efforts, it was "Creep," that made the night. Perhaps it is because the song defines the word "catchy," or perhaps it is because the band performs it flawlessly, but it doesn't seem like Radiohead will ever be permitted to outgrow its reputation as "the band that made that 'Creep' song."

The moral of this story? Although the band has branched out musically, it will never get a second chance to make a first impression.



Radiohead's trying desperately to be known for something other than their first hit.

Stereolab's heavenly noise hits

American releases British band's mini-LP of angelic vocals

BY KAREN D. ANCILLAI

ARTS EDITOR

The name Stereolab makes the six-person group out of London sound like a biology experiment. It certainly isn't cloning any other sounds being played out there today though.

The dreamy ethereal sound Stereolab puts together for its latest release *The Groop Played: "Space Age Bachelor Pad Music"* (American) is straight out of music heaven.

Like many British and American groups in the 1960s, Stereolab relies heavily on organs rather than commonplace guitars, bass and drums. Then it adds the unique 1990s twist of electronically-enhanced samplings. The non-conformist sound may not be widely appealing now, but it could be a sign of where pop music is quickly heading with this and other groups such

as the Stereo MCs at the helm.

Stereolab's two female group members, Laetitia Sadier and Mary Hanson, harmonize together like one voice, murmuring lyrics unintelligibly and blending in completely with the sounds the other band members produce with their instruments. The result is a mellow, moody, instrumental masterpiece.

Some of the songs may sound alike at first, but a second listening to the mini-LP reveals the distinctive traits of each track. "Avant Garde M.O.R." begins with a slow, steady guitar strum, followed by ethereal vocals. It is probably the most mainstream song on the album.

The 1:42 instrumental "Space Age Bachelor Pad Music (Mellow)" sounds like an "organ"ically-grown instrumental remix of a 1970s song. A later song by a similar title, "Space Age Bachelor Pad Music

(Foamy)" combines melodic moog organ music with keyboard-produced sounds resembling a spaceship traveling underwater. The New Wave piece is hypnotic and restful.

"U.H.F.-MFP" is modern folk music with electric guitar. Hanson's, Tim Gane's and Duncan Brown's guitar and bass sounds on "We're Not Adult Oriented (New Wave Live)" resemble something U2 did on *Achtung Baby*. Unlike the other tracks, it should be played loud.

Stereolab may not have labored much on the song titles on its latest release, but the music created for it is obviously the result of much creative brainstorming. The angelic female voices coincide perfectly with artfully played organs and other instruments to make *The Groop Played: "Space Age Bachelor Pad Music"* the perfect summer soundtrack for any pad.



Samuel L. Jackson and Bruce Willis show 'em how its done when it comes to action flicks.

Listen up Hollywood:

Movie directors and actors
from: A faithful watcher
to: Summer action movies

Ladies and gentlemen, I have witnessed the ultimate summer movie, a sequel that for once does not suck. Its name is *Die Hard With Vengeance*. Last time I checked, it has grossed close to \$50 million and is stomping Johnny Moronic into the ground.

Considering the quality of your recent work, many of you could learn a lesson or two from this movie. Class is now in session on making a sequel that doesn't flop and make you look like a cinematic idiot.

Lesson #1) Be sure to have a good villain. Action movies suffer if the villain does not look or act like he can pound the snot out of the hero, use his rib cage for a wind chime and conquer the rest of the world before breakfast. The bad guy in *True Lies* looked and acted like Wile E. Coyote so much that I kept waiting for Tia Carrere to kick his butt. The makers of *Crimson Tide* neglected to script a part for a villain. *Vengeance's* Mel Gibson makes a perfectly despicable villain.

Lesson #2) Introduce a new sidekick, especially one played by Samuel L. Jackson, the new Danny Glover. Making him as intelligent as your hero is no longer a bad thing either. "Kid" sidekicks are out; give Chris O'Donnell, the Boy Wonder in the upcoming *Batman Forever*, is rapidly approaching a

mid-life crisis.

- #3) Stop with the usual "gang of terrorists have taken over a skyscraper, airport, plane, bus, battleship, hot air balloon, or donut shop and only one cop can stop them" plot line that the original *Die Hard* started. This means you, Stephen Seagal. John McClane is bored with it, and so are audiences.

- #4) Dispose of the cliché about law-enforcement bosses who are inept, dumb, corrupt, ignore the hero's warnings and have the collective IQ of a doorknob. *Vengeance* reversed this trend with a responsive, non-adversarial police chief played by Larry Bryggman. After the *Beverly Hills Cop* trilogy, the *Lethal Weapon* series, *In the Line of Fire*, and *Passenger 57*, it is a wonder America has any faith left in police chiefs.

- #5) Regarding women: Either make them smart and likable (*Speed*, *Lethal Weapon 3*) or get rid of them entirely (*Vengeance*, *Crimson Tide*). Audiences are tired of damsels in distress who scream, whine, break their heel while being chased, wander into the villain's trap, manage to trigger the bomb, have an all-important topless scene, get captured, end up hanging from a great height, or yell "Get him!" when the hero goes to face the villain. Who knows, maybe in *Die Hard 4* Bonnie Bedelia will take on the terrorists...

-Jim Geraghty



Stereolab's latest album contains melodious sounds that could rock a baby to sleep.

Summer '95 tours pack punch

Summer is here and the time is right for outdoor amphitheater tours bursting with plenty of big-name bands for your buck. Music groups today have discovered the profit of touring en masse, with numerous headliners bringing lower costs and higher attendance rates.

Lollapalooza, the best known of the bunch, boasts a main stage line-up of Sonic Youth, Hole, Cypress Hill, Pavement, Sinead O'Connor, Beck, the Jesus Lizard and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones this year. Perry Farrell's brain child hits D.C. Aug. 2 at a yet-to-be-announced venue. Look for Helium, Redman and The Roots on the second stage at that time in the tour.

The H.O.R.D.E. (Horizons of Rock Developing Everywhere) Festival storms into town at the Nissan

Pavilion at Stone Ridge in nearby Prince William County Aug. 25. The Black Crowes will be headlining, while Blues Traveler, Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers, Taj Mahal, Wilco, G. Love & Special Sauce, Sheryl Crow, The Dave Matthews Band and Dionne Farris will make special appearances along the tour.

Boyz II Men, TLC and Montell Jordan will play the 16th annual Budweiser Superfest. Mary J. Blige, Babyface and Anita Baker will join them for various shows. The D.C. area date and venue have yet to be announced.

Soul Asylum also has plans to tour in the warm summer months with Veruca Salt, Dinosaur Jr, Wilco and the Pretenders.

-Karen D. Ancillai

FBI investigates employee fraud at GWUHP

GW discovered evidence of possible "misappropriation of funds" earlier this year by a former employee of the GW Health Plan, the University admitted last week.

A release from the GW Medical Center's Office of Public Relations said the FBI has begun an investigation of the possible crime, evidence of which was discovered during a recent internal audit of the Health Plan.

No additional information could be given out because the investigation is still in progress, the release said. GW Health Plan officials did say, however, that the loss of funds was not serious enough to jeopardize the Health Plan's financial security.

The GW Health Plan earned \$8.1 million last year, the release said.

-Donna Brutkoski

Eban consoles grads at belated ceremony

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should study the "problem of world community" and how to promote a "giance to the planet rather than just to one's own nation - a selfish pride which he said is "at the source of many international tensions."

"Why is it that each of us speaks for his own nation ... nobody speaks for the planet Earth?" he asked.

The graduates and onlookers were subdued in their delayed celebration, but laughed and applauded appreciatively for Eban, who also spoke at the abbreviated ceremony in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre two weeks earlier.

"He was very impressive ... he was great," graduate Michael Okobi said. He said he was less impressed, however, with the GW administration's attempt to provide make-up ceremonies, which his friends and relatives could not attend.

"Obviously, it was not enough ... it was definitely a scaled-down version," he said. "Graduation is not graduation without parents around expected more."

Okobi said that the sparse turnout most likely resulted from the fact that not many people were in the area. Those who did attend, he said, likely had jobs in the area or family living nearby.

"I don't think anyone (who was in the area) stayed home because they were pissed at GW," he said. "I would have liked something bigger, but I heard they may be inviting us to the 175th Commencement next May which would be nice. I'm going even if I have to break in."

Others, however, said they still held grudges against the University for the "arrogance" of not having contingency plans, even for a weather event which had a "one percent" chance of occurring.



photo by Dave Flint

One graduate asks where GW's "rain plan" was via a message on her mortarboard at the May 28 Commencement ceremony. The ceremony replaced the original canceled Commencement.

One student expelled for fake ID involvement

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identification, a felony that carries a penalty of up to five years in prison. Kiwan, the "legman" who prosecutors said assisted Johnson in the sale of the IDs, pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges of selling IDs.

The Post reported that Kiwan's attorney, Thomas Abbenante, asked that Kiwan be sentenced immediately after he entered his plea, explaining that Said's chances of remaining at GW might be better if the charges against him were resolved.

However, U.S. District Judge Ricardo Urbina refused to sentence Kiwan before giving the matter due consideration, telling Kiwan he "would not want to give (Kiwan) the wrong idea" by sentencing him to probation when he may actually face up to two years in prison.

The two men were arrested March 30 after University Police and Metropolitan Police searched Johnson's room on the third floor of Mitchell Hall and found more than \$30,000 worth of computer equipment, including a lamination machine and a laser printer, and more than 100 fake driver's licenses from states including Florida, Georgia and Louisiana. Officers also found evidence in Kiwan's room on the seventh floor of Thurston Hall.

Kiwan was arrested at his room on the evening of March 30, and Johnson was arrested later that evening as he arrived at Dulles Airport on a flight from Brazil.

The Post reported that Johnson and Kiwan sold the licenses for \$60 each and made a profit of about \$8,000 over a six-month period. The two men were childhood friends who began the GW fake ID operation in 1994 when Kiwan enrolled at GW as a freshman.

GW officials could not be reached Friday to confirm the expulsion of Johnson or to speculate on the likelihood of Kiwan also being expelled.

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The following crimes were reported to University Police between May 12 and June 1:

Thefts

- 2000 block of H St., N.W., May 12. Two visitors to the National Center reported the theft of two bicycles, valued at \$200 each.
- 2100 block of H St., N.W., May 13. A GW student reported the theft of his bicycle, valued at \$14.87.
- 2400 block of Virginia Ave., W., May 16. A GW employee reported that his parked car was broken into. A \$180 Sony stereo and a \$80 car telephone were missing.
- Academic Center, May 27. A GW student reported the theft of a \$250 bicycle.
- Academic Center, May 26. A GW student reported the theft of a \$250 bicycle.
- Academic Center, May 26. A GW student reported the theft of \$500 from her purse on the first floor.
- Academic Center, May 20. A GW student reported the theft of a \$450 bicycle from the bicycle rack next to the building.
- Academic Center, May 16. A GW student reported the theft of a \$1,200 bicycle.
- Academic Center, May 16. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$500 bicycle from the bicycle rack next to the building.
- Bell Hall, May 19. A GW employee reported the theft of her wallet from her office on the fourth floor. The wallet contained \$60, credit cards and ID.
- Burns Law Library, May 31. A GW student reported the theft of her wallet from the L-2 level. The wallet contained \$20 and credit cards.

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- Burns Law Library, May 17. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$400 computer organizer from his desk on the fourth floor.
- Fungler Hall, May 16. A GW employee reported the theft of her black leather bag from her office. The bag contained house keys, credit cards and ID.
- Gelman Library, May 23. A GW student reported the theft of her wallet from the fourth floor. The wallet contained \$20, credit cards and ID.
- Hall of Government, May 16. A GW employee reported the theft of her wallet from the second floor. The wallet contained \$25 and credit cards.
- Lerner Hall, May 16. A GW student reported the theft of her black leather shoulder bag from the first floor restroom. The bag contained \$20, credit cards and ID.
- Lisner Hall, May 18. A GW employee reported the theft of his \$50 gym bag from his office on the third floor.
- Marvin Center, May 18. A GW student reported the theft of her shoulder bag from the second floor. The bag contained \$6, a camera and ID.
- Monroe Hall, May 30. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$6,000 laptop computer from her office.
- Monroe Hall, May 21. A GW student reported the theft of her \$400 camera from the rear of the building.
- Parking Lot 3, May 21. A GW employee reported that her parked car was broken into. A bag, checkbook and credit card were missing.
- Stuart Hall, May 19. A GW employee reported the theft of his \$90 jacket from the men's bathroom.

Admissions cuts down on freshman class size

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Global for this year was a class of 300 students, 270 less than last year. The target number was raised to 1,350, however, when the Office of Admissions received a record-breaking 10,000th application this February. More than 10,500 students applied this year, a tremendous increase from only 6,001 applicants four years ago. "The extra 50 helped a lot, because we don't want to reject stu-

dents who, based on past history, would have thought themselves admissible," Siegel said.

Although the numbers are not final, the average SAT score of an incoming freshman is up 15 points, from last year's average of 1152 to about 1167, Siegel said. The average incoming freshman is also in the 85th percentile of his or her high school class.

"We're tickled. It's a combination of good planning and good luck," Siegel said.

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Student alleges extortion, racism from GW employees

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Ultimately, the University is responsible for these actions, the suit said. "GW is directly liable for the actions taken by Driver and Onion ... as both were acting within the scope of their employment at GW in carrying out their conduct injurious to Mr. Alqahtani," the suit states.

The suit further alleges that GW was negligent in hiring and supervising Driver and Onion and that Alqahtani has suffered emotional damage as a result of their actions.

"What we're saying, in essence, is that this is typical stereotyping of all Arabs as being rich and homosexual," said Haig Kalbian, the plaintiff's lawyer. "The University, through Mr. Driver and Ms. Onion, embraced this kind of vicious stereotyping."

GW has filed its motion to dis-

miss on the condition that Alqahtani was not actually discriminated against on the basis of his race. In addition, the University "has no liability in this situation," GW attorney Sam Walker said.

"The counsel that we've retained is vigorously defending this on behalf of the University and Ms. Onion," GW Public Affairs Director Mike Freedman said. "We are not defending Mr. Driver in this case and we're not sure of his whereabouts."

The University's motion states that the plaintiff fails to show that the alleged actions were approved by GW. The motion also claims that Alqahtani failed to show he is qualified to be a student at GW.

"The motion to dismiss makes the point that the plaintiff has failed to allege facts that are necessary in order for him to be able to

recover against the University and Ms. Onion," Walker said.

Richard Samp, the lead counsel at the Washington Legal Foundation, said cases such as this one would require a plaintiff to show discrimination specifically because of race.

"You can't win a case (such as this) merely by showing that a bribe was solicited," Samp said. "The mere fact of a bribe would not be nearly enough. (A successful suit) would require intentional racial discrimination."

The federal government has initiated an investigation "concerning acts that may have occurred at the University relating to international students," a GW statement said. Freedman said the University is cooperating fully with the investigation and has not been accused of any wrongdoing.

Trustees approve plan for GSPM to join University effective July 1

GW's Board of Trustees has approved plans to make the Graduate School of Political Management an official part of the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences.

A University statement said the trustees approved the plans, which allow the school to join GW effective July 1.

GSPM has been located on GW's campus since 1991, when the independently-managed school signed an agreement to operate as an affiliate of GW and the National Center for Communication Studies. The agreement gave students the right of cross-registration at GW and GSPM and allowed the school to use GW's facilities and academic resources.

However, the program was officially under the administration of New York University, and its students, who received their degrees solely from GSPM, were not officially considered GW students. This posed

some problems, such as a 1994 incident in which GSPM student Yirgalem Tadesse was not allowed to run for office in GW's Student Association.

Since 1990, GSPM's enrollment has jumped from 75 to 200 students, according to a University statement. Political management is a growing field, the statement said, citing the membership of the American Association of Political Consultants, which has jumped from 300 to 800 firms in the last three years.

GSPM was chartered by the New York State Board of Regents in 1986 and awarded its first degrees in 1988. It offers what the statement said was the "nation's first" curriculum teaching skills and ethics in political campaigning and awards the degree of Master of Professional Studies in political management.

-Donna Bruthoski

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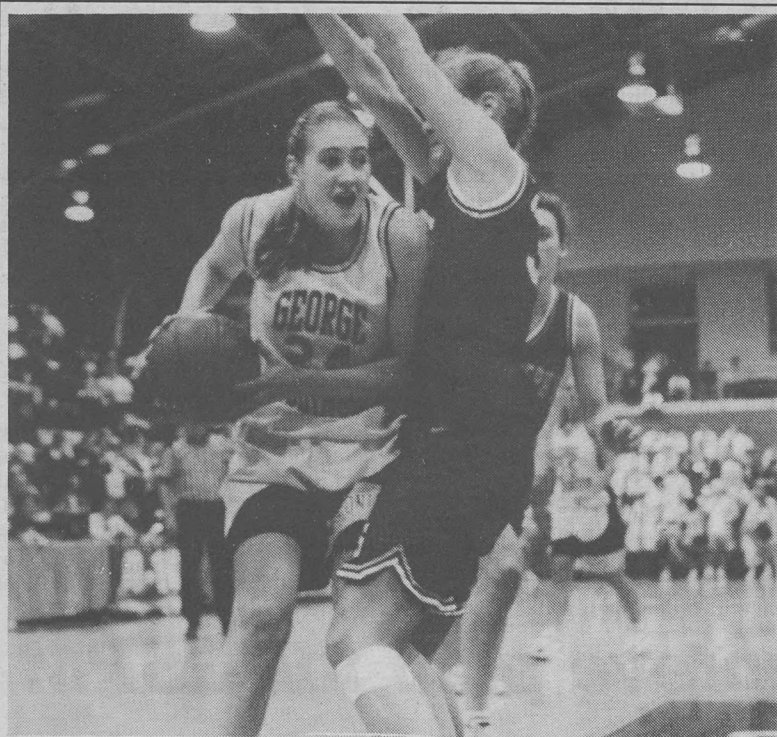
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SPORTS



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GW's Darlene Saar was honored for her outstanding athletic and academic achievements as the Atlantic 10 Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Saar wins A-10 scholar-athlete

GW women's basketball's all-time leading scorer and rebounder, Darlene Saar, became the University's first recipient of the Atlantic 10 Scholar-Athlete Award after a vote by the league's athletic directors.

A three-time all-conference selection, Saar broke two University records this season with 1,809 career points and 1,139 career rebounds. She was a Kodak Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America honorable mention in 1992 and an Associated Press All-America finalist in 1995.

Academically, Saar maintained a 3.41 grade point average as a biology/pre-medicine major. Saar, who has been on the GW Athletic Department Dean's List every semester, recently was presented with the 1995 Lynn George Outstanding Woman Athlete Award by the University's Department of Athletics.

-Jim Geraghty

GW's Migita gains "super" status

GW baseball standout Lance Migita has been named to the third team of the 1995 Smith Super Team by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and to the American Baseball Coaches All-East Region First Team to add yet more honors to his collection after a phenomenal senior season.

The Colonials suffered a disappointing early exit from the Atlantic 10 tournament, but individually for Migita, the year was a success. He set GW single-season and career records with batting averages of .432 and .429, respectively. Aside from the impressive batting average, Migita knocked six home runs, 15 dou-

bles and six triples for a .665 slugging percentage on the year. He added 46 RBIs and nine stolen bases.

Migita received Atlantic 10 Player of the Week honors twice and has since been named to the all-conference team and the academic all-conference team with a 3.2 grade point average.

The Major League Baseball draft took place this weekend. The full results of the draft will not be released until August, but if Migita does not get drafted, he can still sign as free agent.

-Ben Osborne

View from the Cheap Seats...

Let the octopi fly for old GW

Behold! The latest sports craze has been born. In the June 3 edition of The Washington Post's sports section, a front page story describes in detail the popular tradition at Joe Louis Arena that drives Detroit Red Wing fans into a frenzy.

Fans throw octopi onto the rink. I kid you not.

"A record 36 were tossed on Thursday night, when the Red Wings defeated the Chicago Blackhawks, 2-1, in overtime in Game 1 of the NHL Western Conference finals. Game 2 is Sunday afternoon, by which time, presumably, the stench and slime will have dissipated from the rink," The Post reported.

This is a tradition that dates back to 1952, when a seafood store owner, apparently under the influence of what must have been mind-altering substances, tossed an octopus onto the rink to symbolize the eight victories that were needed then to win the Stanley Cup. Detroit won that year, and the octopi have been hurled ever since.

Now I'm wondering. Why isn't there something like that here at GW? It sounds like an exciting, crowd-pleasing, enthusiasm-building activity for the fans. If we can't chant the "Hey, you suck!" song, the least we can do is heave aquatic mollusks onto the court during basketball games.

Maybe we shouldn't use octopi. But I don't think salmon or scallops have quite the same style. If our team nickname was an animal we

could toss that animal. Rich has it easy, they get to throw theirs. I hear at St. Joe's they throw Hawks onto the court and at Bonaventure they throw named Bonnie.

Maybe we could get some associated with our names. George Washington. Unfortunately, the yellow pages don't have many listings for wooden teeth tributors. Wait, didn't he ride a horse? There we go! We can ride something with the Eagle. The trian Team, and have fans throw horses onto the court during time

Nah, with John Calipari and John Chaney, the A-10 has enough horses' asses as it is.

We'd have to get something local. Hmmm. There doesn't seem to be much in variety of Bottom wildlife, mostly rats, pigeons. I suppose we could toss the bureaucrats. They're more plentiful and marginally less disgusting than rats.

Can't you see it? Next to Kwame Evans hits a three-pointer or Tajama Abraham sinks a like throw, the Colonialmaniacs go concour and a hail of pencil-pushers from the General Services Administration pelt the opposing team, Barbs splatter upon the court. A timeout is called for the conveyor zamboni to clean them up, and game resumes ...

Okay, maybe we should still seafood.

-Jim Geraghty



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SPORTS

Is Jarvis going to the Celtics?

GW gives Jarvis permission to talk with NBA franchise

BY JIM GERAGHTY
SPORTS EDITOR

The Boston Celtics have expressed interest in GW men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis or the team's vacant head coach job.

The University has given Jarvis permission to "talk to them in an exploratory sense," Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Bernak told The Washington Post.

According to the report, the Celtics' director of basketball operations, M.L. Carr, telephoned Jarvis late last week.

"Carr asked him if he was interested in coming up to talk to them in an exploratory sense about coaching the Celtics ... I think he will go if invited. I would encourage him to do that," Bernak said.

Jarvis left May 27 on a vacation in Barbados, without scheduling a meeting with Carr. Carr was traveling and scouting college players for most of the week and was unavailable for comment. According to a report in Saturday's Boston Globe, Carr is expected to contact Jarvis Monday.

The Celtics' last coach, Chris Ford, was fired May 17. Carr has said he wants the position filled by the June 28 NBA draft. Former Celtic players and coaches K.C. Jones, Don Chaney, Dave Cowens, and University of Massachusetts coach John Calipari have also been mentioned as candidates by the Boston media. Carr is also considered to be one of the front-runners for the position.



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Will GW's head coach Mike Jarvis be pacing past the Celtics bench in Boston next year?

Jarvis is entering the third year of a five-year contract with GW stretching through June 1998. He said several years ago, however, that his life-long dream is to coach the Boston Celtics.



Jarvis has coached teams in the Boston area for most of his life. Jarvis has the highest winning percentage of any coach in Boston University history, guiding the Terriers to a 101-51 record, two North Atlantic Conference championships and two NCAA tourna-

ment berths.

Jarvis achieved similar success at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, where he captured three division one state titles and registered a 143-21 mark. Jarvis was named Massachusetts High School Coach of the Year four times.

Some people in the Boston area, however, are skeptical that Jarvis will end up coaching the Celtics.

"His name has been bantered about, but several other people have also," said Paul Perillo, a sportswriter for the Boston Herald. "I know they're having trouble getting a coach. A lot of the so-called experts are saying around here that M.L. Carr is going to coach the team himself. The team is in such a transition period, it's almost not worth paying someone."

Mark My Words...

GW needs to rethink Parker recruitment

As if GW needed any more bad publicity right now, the school is actively recruiting a convicted felon. Granted, the school's damage control plate might be a little full right now, what with a fumbled graduation, a \$3 million discrimination lawsuit and a health plan that seems to be leaking money.

But the school's recent hard luck does not warrant overlooking a serious mistake. Richie Parker may be one of the mostly highly touted recruits ever to consider GW, but he is not the type of player the University should seek out.

Parker pled guilty to a felony charge of sexual abuse and received five years of probation. His November scholarship offer to Seton Hall University was rescinded after his guilty plea, and the University of Utah called off its interest after some consideration.

Yet GW brought him in for an official visit recently and appears willing to accept him to the school and the basketball program with open arms should he score high enough on the SAT and choose to come here.

Therein lies the mistake. First and foremost, GW is a school of higher education with nearly 20,000 students. This must remain the primary focus of admin-

istrators, and despite the help that successful athletics can provide a school, the University should not be a sanctuary for convicted felons.

Last year, GW sought out phenom Allen Iverson. Iverson is also a convicted felon, but he has maintained his innocence. Parker, on the other hand, admitted abusing a 15-year old girl in his high school's stairwell.

If he became a student here, it would be an affront to all who walk this campus. Just recently, a student was expelled after pleading guilty in a case involving the manufacture of fake IDs. Why should we then admit someone who abused a woman?

I think we did right in getting rid of the guy with ID troubles, but we must be consistent. We cannot overlook Parker's conviction simply because he can help a team win games or a school generate revenue.

Ultimately, the University must live up to a higher standard for all its students. Richie Parker needs to earn a second chance, not just have one handed to him.

For all our sakes, GW needs to think this one through a little more carefully.

-Jared Sher

Controversial star looks at Colonials

Felon to be considered for admission

BY BEN OSBORNE
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

GW became the latest school involved in the Richie Parker controversy when the former New York City high school star and convicted felon visited the GW campus during the week of May 15.

Shortly after the visit, New York Post staff writer Barry Baum spoke with Colonials' head coach Mike Jarvis. Jarvis confirmed that he is actively recruiting Parker with the University's blessing but could not comment further since NCAA rules prohibit commenting on a recruit.

Parker's saga has been in the news since January, when Parker pleaded guilty to first-degree sexual abuse and subsequently had his scholarship offer to Seton Hall University rescinded.

Parker, a 6-5 guard who attended Manhattan Center High School, averaged 26 points per game in New York's renowned Public School Athletic League until he was suspended from the team and forced to switch schools by the New York City Board of Education in the wake of the guilty plea.

Parker's basketball skills have never been questioned, and his past performance had him widely considered among the top 50 high school players in the nation. Although he was charged with first-degree sodomy early last year, Parker signed a national letter of intent last November to attend Seton Hall University, and the school chose to consider him innocent until proven guilty.

The January 13 guilty plea led to a wave of criticism directed at Seton Hall's coaches and administrators. School chancellor Thomas R. Peterson announced Jan. 23 that Parker was no longer welcome at Seton Hall. He told the media that admitting Parker would send the wrong message to the school's female students.

Sports Illustrated reported that in January 1994 Parker and another male student brought a freshman girl into a stairwell at the high school and forced her to perform oral sex on them.

Parker recently pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of sexual abuse and received a five-year probation as punishment. The prosecution did not want to push for the higher charges since the victim would have had to repeat her upsetting story in court, according to The New York Times.

Parker's classmate pleaded guilty to attempted sodomy.

Shortly after Seton Hall said no to Parker, it became apparent that he would still have other suitors in the college ranks. The University of Utah received notoriety when assistant coach Donny Daniels told Baum it was okay to recruit Parker because he was also a victim in the case, according to the New York Post. Daniels' inflammatory remarks led the school to put him on probation for a year. The school stopped recruiting Parker the day after the story ran.

Shortly thereafter, Baum heard about GW's interest, as well as possible interest from Temple. Temple has neither confirmed nor denied its interest, and Baum, who has followed the story since January, said GW is the only school in the country to publicly admit interest in Parker.

GW president Stephen Joel Trachtenberg spoke with both Baum and The Washington Post and he appears willing to leave the matter up to the coaching staff at this point.

"My concern has to be: is he a likely threat to anybody if he comes here? So I'd like to meet him myself and make sure he would get the appropriate counseling and supervision he needs when he's here," Trachtenberg told The Post.

"Should Richie Parker apply to GW, his candidacy will receive the most scrutiny of any undergrad in recent history," said Robert Chernak, GW vice president of student and academic support services.

Parker's situation is further complicated because he has yet to achieve the minimum score on the SAT to be eligible for an athletic scholarship as a freshman.

"He still has to take his SAT in June and he won't receive his results until July," said Chernak. "So we're still a month away from anything serious."

Aruna Chandra, former co-chair of GW's Law Association for Women, said the University is lucky to have this story in the news during a quiet time on campus. Otherwise, "there would be a fairly loud debate regarding this issue," she said.

"Maybe not all of it would be opposed to Richie Parker, but there's certainly an issue of whether or not someone who has pleaded guilty to a crime, especially one as terrible as sexual abuse, should be allowed to attend an institute of higher learning while on a full-paid scholarship."

Sports Illustrated columnist Johnette Howard took a stab at sexual assault issues on college campuses in the May 15 edition of the magazine, which was written before GW became involved. "When it comes to attitudes about sexual assault, the tolerance shown for the athlete and the contempt for the victim are nothing new," she wrote.

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